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#### **SPORTS SHORTS**

#### **Basketball tournament**

Hickam's third annual Aloha Classic Basketball Tournament runs from Monday to April 17 at the fitness center. Twenty teams will be competing from various places including Arizona, Japan, North Dakota and Alaska. A total of 48 games will be played during the tournament. Most days the games will begin at 11 a.m. with the last game of the day beginning at 8 p.m.

Umpires needed

Hickam Little League is looking for anyone interested in umpiring youth baseball on Hickam. An urgent response is needed as the season is starting Saturday. No previous experience is necessary and most of the equipment will be provided. Age groups requiring umpires are 9-10, 11-12, and some 13-14 year divisions. For more information, call 448-6611.

### Little League Seniors Div. baseball registration

Hickam's youth baseball program is accepting registrations for little league seniors division baseball until April 15. Anyone born between August 1, 1988 and July 31, 1990 is eligible to participate. Registration applications are being accepted at the Hickam Youth Center located in building 1335. The season runs from May through June and players will travel to various locations on Oahu. For more information, call 448-6611.

## Girl's fast-pitch softball registration

Registrations are being accepted for girl's fast pitch softball through April 30. All girls ages 10 through 15 years old interested in playing should contact the Hickam Youth Sports office at The season 448-6611. begins on June 4th and will last 6 weeks. There will be two divisions of players: 10-12 years old and 13-15 years old. A minimum of 40 players in each division is needed to form the league. There will be an assessment on May 7 from 2 to 5 p.m. at field #2 for the 10-12 year olds and on May 8 from 2 to 5 p.m. at field #2 for the 13-15 year olds.

#### Softball tournament

The 15th Medical Group is hosting an all forces softball tournament July 15-17. Active Duty, Reserve, Guard, and dependents are welcome. Participants must be 18 years and over and must have a valid military ID card. A maximum of 20 teams is allowed. The entry fee per team is \$150. For registration forms or to volunteer email Taliah.Martin@hickam.af.mil Linda.Grunwald@hickam.a f.mil.

### Wrestling Club still signing up wrestlers

Parents can still sign up Hickam youth ages 5 to 14 for the youth wrestling season. The team really needs youth from 10 to 14 year old. The cost is \$35 to sign up and parents can call the Kidsports office at 448-6611 for more details. Practices are being held Wednesday evenings starting at 5:15 p.m. at the Kidsports gym. Coaches and volunteers are also needed.

CES plays it by the number to capture intramural basketball championship

By Tech Sgt. Mark Munsey Kukini Managing Editor

If the base intramural basketball playoffs, where 15th Civil Engineer Squadron handily defeated the 15th Medical Group, were played out like Sesame Street, their games would definitely have been brought to you by the number three

Their first meeting, in the third round of the winners bracket, saw CES defeat MDG 43-38 thanks to eight points each from the CES trifecta of Ignatious Modey, Petrey Buford and Eric Watson.

After battling through the losers bracket, fighting off elimination each time they took to the court, MDG battled back to face CES again.

CES got off to a quick start, using a pair of three-pointers from Modey and Ken Sims to build a 9-2 lead over MDG less than seven minutes into the game.

A different kind of three, MDG's Trey Gathers, asserted himself on the offensive end of the court, ripping off seven consecutive points, including one three-pointer, to help bring MDG to within one point at half.

MDG continued their assault, outscoring CES 32-24 in the second half, including three threes from Gathers, to force another game, the third in the playoffs between the two teams.

The March 31 winner-take-all championship, at the base fitness center turned into a battle of the boards, with CES dominating both ends of the court and winning the base crown 65-48.

Watson flexed his rebounding muscle time and time again, scoring 8 straight points off offensive put backs, power down moves, and being the receiving end of a pressbreaking pass from Modey.

MDG was able to hang tough in the first half thanks to speed and CES turnovers.

Sam McAnally intercepted a pass and raced the length of the court for an easy lay up. After an MDG triple-team gave them the ball back, Marcus Lindsey hit Maurice Whitlock who spinned through two CES defenders for another easy bucket.

Another three-pointer by the medical group's Tad Shirley with 20 seconds left closed the CES lead to two points, but a quick-thinking Ken Sims weaved down the court to score a CES basket as time expired, leaving them up 25-21 at the break

The second half showed CES' mastery at what they do best, owning the glass.

"Rebounding was a big part of our victory," Watson said. "We were more aggressive throughout the game, and controlling the offensive glass opened all lanes for our outside shooter."

And that inside-out game proved to be the downfall of MDG, as Watson and Tee Thompson, uniform number three, hit four three-pointers in three minutes to put the engineers up 46-31, allowing them to coast to the base championship.

This was the third consecutive year at least one the two teams played for the top hoops spot.

MDG won the championship in 2003 and CES was runner-up last year.



Photos by Mysti Bicoy

Kenneth Sims, 15th Civil Engineering Squadron, charges down the court during the championship game March 31 at the fitness center.



Tad Shirley, 15th Medical Group, lays in a easy two points over Ignatious Modey.



Maurice Whitlock, 15th MDG, dribbles around Benjamin Buford, 15th CES, during first-half action.



Kenneth Sims, 15th CES, pulls down a rebound as teammate Eric Watson blocks out Yusef Kennedy.

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# Hickam shows support for MS walk

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard

15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Team Hickam was represented by 130 legs stepping closer to a cure Saturday.

Sixty five active-duty members, dependents and civilians took part in the 2005 National Multiple Sclerosis Society of Hawaii MS Walk to help raise money to find a cure for the chronic disease of the central nervous system affecting the brain and spinal cord

According to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society every hour of everyday someone is diagnosed with MS

"Our goal was to get as many people involved and to help bring about awareness to the disease," said Master Sgt. Charlotte Jones, Command Airfield Management training manager and Hickam POC for the MS

The overcast weather didn't dampen the spirits of Sergeant Jones and the walkers, plus the more than 100 Team Hickam volunteers who showed up for the event that started at the McCoy Pavilion at the Ala

Moana Beach Park in Hon-

"It was great seeing the amount of people who honored their commitment to participate," she said.

When the sergeant asked others why they were walking the responses were, "It's for a good cause" and "it's a gratifying feeling knowing that you're doing something to someone else."

As a first time walker Sergeant Jones has a close connection to the disease. "My sister was diagnosed in 1990," she said. "This was my first time partaking in this great event as well," said Master Sgt. Cornelius Moore, the Cochair Hickam POC. "Given the opportunity, I would do it again."

The Hickam team helped raise more than \$1,600.

## Army Sergeant takes on MS

By Capt. Patricia Teran-Matthews Chief, 15th Airlift Public Affairs

Even the Oahu "liquid sunshine," didn't stop approximately 800 walkers and volunteers from participating in the annual Multiple Sclerosis Walk at McCoy Pavilion in Honolulu Saturday. Among the participants were members of Team Hickam and Tripler Army Medical Center who each had a special purpose for walking; they either had a friend or family member diagnosed with MS and one was actually diagnosed with it.

Sgt. Lisa Nicolini, a Medical Laboratory Tech at Tripler Medical Center, led the Army team consisting of 23 walkers; their purpose was to support Sergeant Nicolini who was diagnosed with MS in 2003. The team raised approximately \$1,600 and the donations are still coming in.

Sergeant Nicolini has served in the Army for seven and a half years. As she transitions out of the military she reflects on her time in the service, "I was shy during my youth but being in the military helped me develop my leadership skills and step forward; now one of the projects I'd like to work on is being a motivational speaker."

"I've always wanted to make a difference and I want to share my experience with others," Sergeant Nicolini said, "I have embraced my MS and challenges in my life and when I say, 'I have MS' in a sense I feel it is in the palm of my hand and I'm not letting it control me"

Team Hickam's Hawaii Top 3 led the volunteer effort with more than 130 military, civilians, and family members answering the call. The volunteers participated in pre-day preparation, equipment set-up, breakfast serving, and singing the National Anthem. According to the MS society, they were the critical ingredient, not to mention the behind the scenes personnel, that contributed to the successful kickoff and completion of the event.

If anyone is interested in making a donation, contributions collected by May 2 be counted toward the team goals and prizes. Contact Army Sgt Lisa Nicolini (Tripler) at 429-1890 or Master Sgt. Charlotte Jones at 449-8638 to contribute to their respective teams





Photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Tricke

Above: Some of the walkers finish the three-mile walk Saturday at the McCoy Pavilion at the Ala Moana Beach park.

Top: Team Hickam members stride along the path during the 2005 Multiple Sclerosis walk.

# Army dominates Armed Forces Championships

**By Tim Hipps** Special to American Forces Press Service

#### COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.

– All-Army wrestlers won 38 of 42 individual matches and captured the Greco-Roman and freestyle team titles in the 2005 Armed Forces Wrestling Championships March 31 and April 1 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center here. All told, the soldiers won 10 gold and four silver medals. "I would say that's pretty close to dominating, but we've still got a lot of work to do," said All-Army coach Staff Sgt. Shon Lewis.

Army Staff Sgt. Dremiel Byers led the way by winning gold in both disciplines of the 120-kilogram/264.5-pound weight class. Byers, the 2002 Greco-Roman heavyweight world champion who wrestled freestyle for the first time since 1997 here, won six matches by a cumulative score of 45-0.

"He's the anchor of our team, and he takes on that role with great pride and great dignity," Lewis said.

In Greco-Roman competition, Army wrestlers Capt. Neil Rodak, Sgts. Glenn Garrison and Jess Hargrave and Byers won their respective weight classes. Staff Sgts. Duaine Martin and Keith Sieracki and Sgt. Albert Sankey won silver medals.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Jacob Hey, Marine Corps Cpl. Jacob Clark and Air Force Capt. Phil Johnston won Greco gold medals.

In freestyle, Capt. Eric Albarracin, Martin, Sgt. Oscar Wood, Spc. James Henderson of Fort Bragg, N.C., Sankey and Byers won their divisions. First Lt. Lantz Schwabenbauer of Fort Drum, N.Y., took a silver medal.

With the exceptions of Henderson, Schwabenbauer and Rodak, a former member of the All-Navy team stationed at Salt Lake City, all of the Army medal winners are stationed at Fort Carson, Colo. The Marines' Clark, a seven-time Armed Forces champion, won the only freestyle gold medal that eluded the soldiers by defeating Schwabenbauer, 6-0, 1-0.

In round-robin team competition, the All-Army Greco-Roman squad defeated Navy, 22-0; Air Force, 21-7; and the Marine Corps, 19-7. In freestyle, Army prevailed 21-4 over Air Force; 26-3 over Navy; and 20-5 against the Marines.



Photo by Tim Hipps

Army Staff Sgt. Dremiel Byers (left), the 2002 Greco-Roman heavyweight world champion, defeats Air Force 1st Lt. David Hunter in the 120-kilogram/264.5-pound Greco division of the 2005 Armed Forces Wrestling Championships at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Marine Corps finished second in Greco-Roman team competition, followed by Air Force and Navy. In freestyle, Air Force finished second, followed by the Marines and Navy.

Gold medalists in the Armed Forces Championships qualified to

represent the United States in the 2005 Counseil du Sport Militaire (International Military Sports Council) Wrestling Championships Aug. 24 through 27 in Lithuania.

All-Air Force coach Rich Estrella, one of four Greco-Roman coaches for Team USA's World Champi-

onships squad, said he's impressed with Lewis' accomplishments since taking the helm of the All-Army team in 2001.

"For them, it's never a matter of rebuilding; all they do is reload," Estrella said. "They've got a very solid team and a very deep program."



#### Live band performs

"Bender," an exciting local band, will be playing live at the Enlisted Club today from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Bender features modern rock and will be performing on the J.R. Rockers lanai. Come out and enjoy music and dancing under the stars.

#### **Moonlight Madness**

The Arts & Crafts Frame Shop will conduct its "Moonlight Madness" Saturday from 6 p.m. until midnight for qualified framers only. Special discounts on framing supplies will be offered on this special night.

Patrons need to bring their Arts & Crafts qualification card to get in on the madness. For more information, call 449-1568, ext. 108.

#### Waimano hike

Explore the Waimano Valley 2-mile loop trail with Hickam Outdoor Recreation Sunday. Waimano Valley is a perfect hiking location for a sunny morning. Stroll into the valley and savor the lovely walk by the stream.

Participants should bring water, sunscreen and wear good hiking shoes. The ODR bus leaves Hickam at 9 a.m. and returns around 3 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person which includes transportation and guide. Call 449-5215 for details.

#### Basketball tournament

The Third Annual Aloha Classic Basketball Tournament starts its full week of competition at the Fitness & Sports Center gym Monday with its first game tipping off at 9 a.m. The Classic has drawn 16 top mili-

tary men's teams from around the Pacific and California as well as four women's teams.

The tournament will use a round robin opening format and finish on the weekend with an elimination style finals. There will be a "Hot Shot" contest held in conjunction with the event.

Basketball fans will not only see some fast and furious sports action but will get a chance to win a new car, a trip to Las Vegas, inter-island trips and more. The Aloha Classic is sponsored in part by the Aloha Auto Group, Vacations Hawaii, First Command, the Honolulu Advertiser and Menehune Water. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

An accurate game schedule will be made available at the Fitness & Sports Center. Stop by or call 449-1044 for details.

#### **Spring Dance**

The Hickam Pre-Teen Spring Dance is scheduled for April 16 from 6-9 p.m. All pre-teens (10 years old to 12 years old) are invited to come out and get their groove on. Entry fee is just \$3 per person. Call 449-2233 for reservations and information.

#### Free scuba class

A free 1-1/2 hour scuba course will be held April 16 at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. It is designed for those who are interested in scuba but not sure they will

before committing to a week-long class. Minimum age is 10 years old with no health problems. Reservations are required. This course is also available anytime for \$65. Call 423-8222 for information.



#### Scrapbookers night

The Arts & Crafts Center is hosting Scrapbookers Night on April 21 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. This is another chance to join in and participate in one of the nation's top new pastimes.

All participants will receive 15 percent off all scrapbooking supplies purchased from the store, and there will be special drawings and free food! Call A&C at 449-1568 for details.

#### Scuba sale

This semiannual Island Divers Hawaii sale will be held from noon to 6 p.m. April 29 through May 1 at Pool 1. Everything will be on sale from scuba gear sets, accessories and dive classes. For information call 423-8222.

#### Early week golf special

Golfers, take advantage of the "Early Week Special" at the Par 3 Golf Course during the month of April. Play nine holes and get a second round of nine holes at half price.

This chance to perfect the short game is valid Mondays from 6:30 a.m. to

like it or would like to try it 4 p.m.; Tuesdays from 1 to 8 p.m. and Wednesdays from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a limited time offer and is not valid on AF 'down' days or holidays. The second round of golf must be played on the same day. For details, call 449-2093.

#### Surfboard rental

The Hickam Recreational Rental Shop is offering a surf board special for April. Rent one surfboard (Monday through Thursday) and get a second surfboard rental for half price! This is an excellent chance to practice Hawaii's number one sport! Call 449-6870 for information.

#### Kids bowling special

April is the "Month of the Military Child" and the bowling center has a special for the kids. Kids, ages 5-12, can bowl daily for \$1 per game. The special will run throughout the month and is available Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call the bowling center at 449-2702.

#### Mongolian BBQ

Mongolian barbecue is back at the Hickam Officers' Club with its unique style of cuisine - enjoy it on the refurbished lanai! The barbecue starts at 5:30 p.m. and offers a wide array of choices of vegetables and meats. Plan to be early to this popular dining event. Call 448-4608 for details.

#### **Birthday parties**

birthday place? Birthday Family Childcare office party reservations are available at the Hickam Bowling Center for children 12 and under for the price of price of \$7.50 per

Birthday packages include two games of bowling, shoe rental, one hot dog or two mini cheese or pepperoni pizzas and a bag of chips. For reservations or information, call 449-2702.

#### **Customized exercise** program

Personal training offered at the Hickam Fitness & Sports Center provides a customized exercise program geared to your goals, needs and time constraints. PT also provides basic nutrition guidance to supplement your fitness program and round out a healthy lifestyle.

PT offers enrollment and personalized support through FitLinxx and is available in several programs starting at just \$30. Call 449-1044 for information.

#### Alaska cruise

Sail along sheltered waterways and spectacular glaciers on the Inside Passage and then explore the rugged south central coast of the Gulf of Alaska with its snowcapped mountains and majestic rivers of ice. That's what ITT has in store on its fall Alaska Cruise slated for Sept. 16-25. A \$200 deposit guarantees a place on this fabulous tour. Call the Information, Tickets & Travel office at 423-0275 for more information.

#### Childcare training

A pre-licensing briefing for prospective childcare providers is held the first Thursday of each month Looking for a special from 5 to 6 p.m. at the located adjacent to the auto resale lot in Bldg. 2116. The next briefing will be held Thursday.

Applicants must be base

residents, 18 years old, and a high school graduate, able to read and write English and pass a National Security check. Call the Family Childcare office at 449-1879 for details. Please note that all persons caring for other families' children for a total of 10 hours or more per week must attend this briefing and get a license.

#### Safety inspections

Hickam Auto Center is the no-hassle place to get a state safety inspection. Drop off your car or wait for one of the certified inspectors to check a vehicle. No long lines or appointments required.

Customers should bring their original insurance card and vehicle registration (No faxed or photocopies are accepted). Save \$3 by using the coupon from the April issue of Inside Services Magazine. Call 449-2554 for more information.



#### Youth photo contest

Calling all young photographers! The Boys & Girls clubs of America Image Makers Photography Contest encourages youth ages 6 to 18 years old to learn and practice black and white, color and digital process photography.

Start clicking a camera and enter photographs at the Hickam Teen Center. For more information, contact the teen center at 449-2233.

#### AT THE MOVIES

Memorial Theater 449-2239 • CLOSED Monday and Tuesday

#### Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

THE PACIFIER - An undercover agent fails to protect an important government scientist and then agrees to look after the man's five out-of-control kids when they are suddenly thrust into danger. Now, he's finding what tough really is when he pits his combat skills



against diapering, den-mothering and drivers education.

PG (action violence, language and rude humor). Starring Vin Diesel, Brad Garrett.

#### Sunday at 7 p.m.

**CURSED** – Ellie and her brother Jimmy are on their way home when they get into a car accident. While trying to help the other driver out of an overturned vehicle, the other driver is attacked by what Jimmy swears was a "huge man-like wolf". Both Jimmy and Ellie end up scratched and possibly bitten by the creature. When they begin noticing strange physical effects and behavior-including both of them sudden-



ly becoming more assertive socially—they begin to wonder if a werewolf has bitten them. If so, will they turn into werewolves too?

PG-13 (horror violence/terror, some sexual references, nudity, language and a brief drug reference). Starring Christina Ricci, James Brolin.

## Crossword Puzzle: Airman Medal of Honor heroes, part 2

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman Alaskan Command **Public Affairs** 

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Kingdom
- \_ \_\_ carte; separate menu items
- 9. Castle savers
- 14. Ancient Mexican
- Abner
- 16. White heron
- 17. False
- 18. Mork & Mindy actress Dauber
- 19. Tribulation
- 20. Aleutian Island occupied by Japan in WWII
- 21. Health org. 22. Ambition
- 23. USAF reservist, in short
- 25. Christmas egg drink
- 27. Rubbernecks 30. Goals
- 34. Ancient Hebrew coin
- 35. Run an \_\_\_\_; perform a task
- 37. Henry VIII's last wife Catherine
- 38. Cultivated
- 39. Quiver fillers
- 42. Adage
- ized April 8, 1968. The squadron was assigned

assigned to the 15th Air Base Wing, crashed into the ocean north of Oahu. The two crewmembers—Colonel James Rousey, 15 ABW Deputy Commander for Operations, and 2nd Lt. James Kennedy, also assigned to the 15 ABW—both ejected and survived the crash.

Caspar Weinberger visited Hawaii, arriving and departing from Hickam.

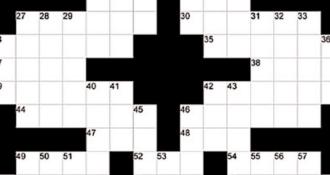
- 54. Info
- 58. Sauce or pepper starter

Vietnam conflict

- 59. Pipe bomb, etc., in short
- 60. Sink heavily
- 62. Hall of Fame pitcher Ryan
- 63. Gun lobby
- 64. Beauty product maker \_
- \_ Lauder 65. Replaces
- 66. Woman
- 67. MOH recipient Capt. Gerald O.

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Naive
- 2. American writer Pound
- 3. One small child (two words)
- 4. Christian season
- of fasting 5. MOH recipient Maj.
- Thomas B. \_\_\_\_, Jr.
- 6. First letters
- of Greek alphabet 7. Actor Neeson
- Joy candy bar
- MOH recipient 2d. Lt. William E. \_\_\_\_, Jr.
- 10. Shrek was one
- 11. Opera highlight



- 29. Ohio city
- 31. Lingo
- 32. Homer's wife
- 33. Golfer Sam 34. Health resort
- 36. An OK airport code
- 40. MOH recipient Maj.
- 46. Summer foot wear 49. Holier-than-;
- superior attitude
- 50. Hurts
- 51. Wing's leading edge movable, auxiliary airfoil
- 53. Designer Wang
- 55. Too 56. Nobel Peace Prize
- winner Desmond 57. Prayer ender
- 58. CSAF naval equivalent
- 61. Wooden pin

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### Team Hickam History: The Air Force's most historic airfield

**April 8, 1950** – The new Officers' Swimming Pool at Hickam was declared officially open without cere-

monies. April 10, 1964 -During memorial

services for General Douglas MacArthur, a fly-by of three F-102 jets in the "missing man" formation passed over the

Hickam mall. **April 8, 1968** – The 15th Communications Squadron was constituted, activated, and organto the 71st Missile Warning Wing at Aviano AB,

**April 9, 1982** – T-33A aircraft 57-0620,

April 11-12, 1986 - Secretary of Defense

**April 11, 1989** – Fuel leaking from an Air

Force JP-4 pipeline ignited in Waiawa Stream, in the Pearl City area.

April 13, 1992 – The 15th Operations Group activated, and was assigned to the 15th Air Base Wing at Hickam. Col Jerry Angley took command of the Group.

April 13, 1992 – The 15th Support Group activated at Hickam AFB and was assigned to the 15th Air Base Wing. Col Michael King took

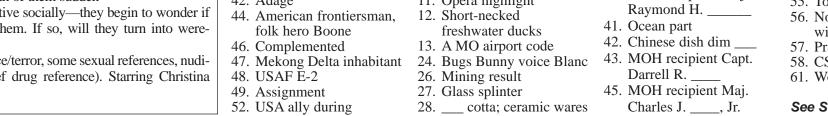
command of the Group. April 13, 1992 – The 15th Operations Support Squadron activated at Hickam and was assigned to the 15th Operations Group at Hickam. Lt. Col. Cedric Johnson took command of the Squadron.

April 13, 1992 – The 15th Contracting Squadron activated and assigned to the 15th Logistics Group. Lt. Col. Charles Elliott took command of the Squadron.

April 13, 1992 – The 15th Communications Squadron activated and was assigned to the 15th Support Group at Hickam. Lt. Col. Charles Hall

took command. April 13-17, 1994 – Air Force volunteers turned out in full force to help build a super playground, amphitheater, and learning center at the Assets School for Gifted Dyslexics, locat-

ed just outside of Hickam's front gate.



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# Ocean Adventure



Photo by Angela Elbern

Above: A sailing instructor helps the students tie things down as they come back into the Hickam Harbor March 30 during the Youth Ocean Adventure at the Hickam Outdoor Recreation Center. The program ran during the week of Spring Break to teach youth the basics of surfing, sailing and other ocean activities.

Right: Sails are lifted on the boats as they go out into the Harbor.

Below left: Cody Garza, 14, works the pulley system as Tyler Rits, 13, Hollyanne Numan, 12, and Leonard Noblado pull the sail boat onto the docking platform. Below right: A Hickam youth hangs 10 as he works on his surfing skills in the Hickam harbor March 30.

For more information about this event and other outdoor programs call the Outdoor Recreation staff at 449-5215.







# Academy sports recap: three boxers take gold

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN)

- Three members of the Air
Force Academy boxing team
were crowned national champions during the final round of
the National Collegiate Boxing Association championships April 2 at the academy.

Willie Lloyd, Darren Smith and Blake Baldi all earned gold medals in their respective weight classes.

As a team, the Falcons finished second with 40 points, just two points shy of tournament winner Navy.

At The 2005 World Championship Swimming Trials in Indianapolis, Falcon swimmer Chris Knaute placed 19th in the 400 meter freestyle finals April 2. Knaute, the 2005 Mountain West Conference Men's Swimmer of the Year, swam the distance in 4 minutes, 2.62 seconds.

Jami Hodge bested a 22year old academy record in the 200-meter dash at the Falcon Open April 2. Hodge ran the race in 24.46 seconds to beat the previous mark of 24.81 set in 1983 by former Falcon Gail Conway. With the record, Hodge becomes the only person, other than Conway, to hold any of the dash records and the 800-meter run record.

Big innings doomed the Falcons in a 25-2 baseball loss to Brigham Young University March 31. BYU (18-7-1, 6-1) scored five or more runs in four different innings to blow out the Air Force. The Falcons fall to 5-18 on the season and 0-4 in conference play.

In lacrosse action, the Falcons were unable to get past No. 5 Army during their match April 2. Despite rallying back from a 7-1 first-half deficit, the Air Force team was unable to pull off the upset against fifth-ranked Army, falling 12-8 to the Black Knights. The loss drops the Falcons to 3-4 on the season, while Army improves to 7-1.

## Hockey team names award winners

The Air Force hockey team announced its 2004-05 award winners at its annual Blue Line Club banquet, Sunday, at the Wyndham Hotel in Colorado Springs.

Junior Matt Bader earned the team's top award, the Vic Heyliger Award. The Heyliger, voted on by the team, is the cornerstone of Air Force hockey. It is awarded to the player whose dedication, character, leadership and work ethic exemplifies Falcon Hockey.

A tri-captain this season, Bader's leadership and all-around play were keys to the Falcons winning 14 games this season. An academic all-CHA selection, the winger from Beaverton, Ore., played in 33 of the 36 games and had 12 points. His career-best two goals against Army led the Falcons to a 5-2 win.

Sophomore Brandon Merkosky earned the Chuck Delich award as the team's most valuable player. The award is voted on by the team.

The winger from Queensbury, N.Y., led the team in goals (14), assists (17) and points (31). He was second in the CHA and 14th in the nation with 10 power-play goals. He is just the third sophomore in school history, and the first since 1978, to win the MVP award.

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The Larry Cronk Award was presented to senior Seth Pelletier. The Cronk, voted on by the team, is presented to the player

whose play on the ice inspires his team and most typifies Falcon hockey.

The winger from China, Maine, is a tenacious competitor who gave 110 percent on every shift. He posted careerhighs of six goals and 16 points this season

The John Matchefts Award for freshman of the year, voted on by the team, was split between two stellar rookies. Defensemen Matt Charbonneau and center Eric Ehn were named co-winners. Both were named to the CHA all-rookie team.

Charbonneau, from Stillwater, Minn., played in all 36 games and had 12 points. In CHA games, his +2 plus/minus ratio was second in the league for rookie defensemen. Ehn, from Dexter, Mich., ranked second in the CHA in league points by a freshman with 14. He was fourth on the team in points in all games with 22.

Sophomore Brian Gineo was named the team's defensive player of the year. This award is given to the player who the coaching staff feels was the team's most diligent defensive performer. Defensive habits and skill, along with plus-minus, are factors used to select the recipient.

A native of South Windsor, Conn., Gineo, a second-team all-CHA selection, is just the second Falcon sophomore and second defenseman to earn the award. His nine goals this season were the fifth most in the nation by a defenseman.

Ross Miller earned the Jim Bowman Award as the team's top scholar-athlete. Miller is a two-time CHA all-academic selection who carries a 3.07 cumulative grade point average as a physics major. Miller played in 76 career games, but his playing time over the last two seasons was limited due to various injuries.

Sophomore Brian Reese was named the team's most improved player for the 2004-05 season. The award is voted on by the team. After an injury-plagued freshman year, the winger from Stillwater, Minn., played in 24 games and had five points. He played in the final 12 games of the year and worked himself onto a power-play unit.

Seniors Pelletier, Steve Mead, Ross Miller, Josh Priewe and Ryan Wiggins will leave as one of the most successful classes in school history. The group combined to win 50 Division I games in four years, the most in school history. The seniors also guided a young team to the championship of a major Division I tournament, the RPI Tournament, and led the Falcons into the semifinals of the CHA Tournament for just the second time in school history. (Information courtesy of the Air Force Academy)

**B6** April 8, 2005 Hickam Kukini



#### Staff Sgt. Kenneth Bruce **Pacific Air Forces Air Intelligence Squadron**



PACAF/AIS rocks because: Our mission effects the lives of the warfighter on the ground. We are a close unit that enjoys having a good time, no matter the situation.

My job affects all of Hickam in that: We are one of the few units in the Air Force that perform the Distributed Common Ground Station mission. We make Hickam a part of the everyday fight in the war on terrorism by being right here on Hickam, performing acts that effect the worldwide warfighter. The PACAF Intelligence Operations Center provides products that keep our senior leadership abreast on the "climate" of our area of responsibility. We help make not only Hickam, but the world a safer place to live.

When not at work, I spend my off duty time: With my family, at church and at home chilling out.

Something people don't know about PACAF/AIS: We were voted the Air Force's Most Outstanding Intelligence Unit for 2004! We're a squadron of about 80 people and we impacted the DoD mission with our accurate intelligence products.

Something I would improve/change about Hickam would be: To have customer service hours for shift workers, improve base housing (in the works), build a larger gym or build another gym and make the movie theater free (like on the Army bases).

What his supervisor says: Staff Sgt. Bruce certifies all the crew positions we have. He has a great sense of what we do and is one that the Airmen look up to. He is absolutely phenomenal. I couldn't be more lucky to have him on my team. He is a member of the squadron booster club and is extremely vital in helping raise funds for squadron functions. He is also heavily involved in the on-base chapel. He is the choir director there. Also, he participates and helps coach in intramural sports.

2nd Lt. Benjamin Inners, PACAF/AIS

#### Airman 1st Class Pablo Garcia 15th Comptroller Squadron



15th CPTS rocks because: It is full of great people who are great role models. Everyone here will go beyond the call of duty to help one another out.

My job affects all of Hickam in that: I assist the members of Hickam that have any issues affecting their pay. By resolving these issues it allows the member to concentrate on the mission at hand.

Something I would improve or change about Hickam would be: Overall, Hickam is a great base with historic roots and I feel privileged to be here. One complaint I hear quite often from customers is the limited parking

spaces at PACAF Headquarters.

When I'm not at work, I'm: When I am not at work I like to go the beach and just relax. Going to catch a movie or hang out with friends is also something I enjoy doing to help me relax.

What his supervisors says: A1C Garcia came into the squadron ready to take on the 15th CPTS mission. He exemplifies the core values of the Air force; he continually puts service before self by working overtime hours to help give the best customer service possible. His duties include customer service, travel debts clerk, BAH and COLA recertification clerk. A1C Garcia was picked by his peers to be our UAC secretary and has been doing an outstanding job. He has also won our squadron's Look Sharp and Top Performer awards numerous times. He has given many hours of his free time to construct a home for Habitat for Humanity, and recently participated in child abuse prevention month by contributing a slightly loved teddy bear to the cause. He is also a warrior, will be deploying to the desert to perform a TCN tasking, in the near future. Staff Sgt. Sarah Tooley, 15th CPTS

#### Crossword puzzle solution

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Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor 473-0050 Jewish Lay Leader Mr. David Bender 527-5877 Naval Station Chapel

#### **CATHOLIC**

**CHAPEL** Editor's note: For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.

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